

# Holy Rosary Church

**April 11, 2010**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

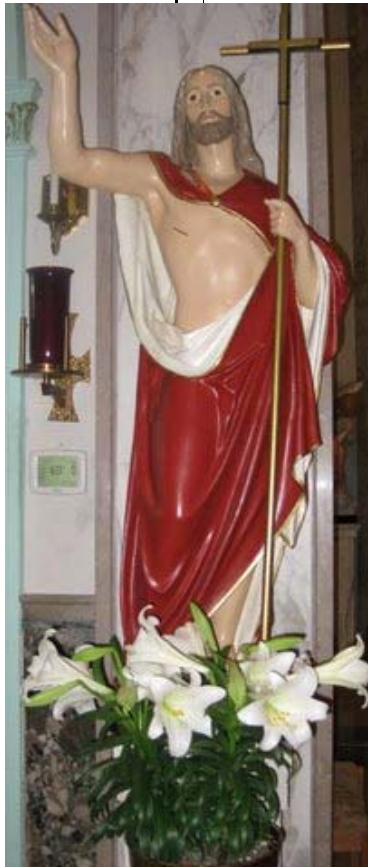
**“My Lord and my God!”**

*Acts 5: 12-16; Rev. 1: 11-19; John 20:19-31*

The story of the doubting Thomas takes me back to my high school seminary days when I was one of 12 students (apostles) chosen for the washing of feet on Holy Thursday. My name was Thomas and I wondered whether the name they assigned me was just a coincidence, or the superior recognized in me a resemblance of Thomas. Thomas was an appropriate name for me. As a student and as a priest I had doubts about God, the Church, the bible, theology and even my call to be a priest. If my superiors could read my internal unrest I would have been dismissed as an unfit candidate. My doubts kept me distant from my community; I needed private space to search, to reflect, to pray and not to be dragged along by the crowd. During my training and as a priest I did much reading, reflecting and praying. I attended several courses and workshops on the bible, theology, spirituality and liturgy. I visited the Holy Land twice. I invested energy, time and money and it was well worth it.

My yearning to be a disciple was graced by Jesus whose presence and love occasionally were so real to me that I cried out, “My Lord, and my God”.

My learning experience helped me to understand and to be a sympathetic companion to other doubting Thomas. I love people who question and search for a deeper meaning of their life and faith. Doubts can make a person skeptical and can also become opportunities for a personal discovery of Jesus. Mature faith is not based on hearsay and patted formulas but on a personal experience of God.



## **A blessed Easter**

The Easter celebration was special this year: I was overwhelmed by a record attendance at Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. The participation and the joyous singing of the full assembly made me feel that I was in a cathedral. Holy Rosary was a cathedral for one day. During the whole celebration I admired the variety of face and ages of the participants and I wondered who inspired them to come to Holy Rosary. Each person was a confirmation that Jesus is alive and present among us. I felt inspired and blessed and I prayed with great power. I invited the assembly to repeat after me the opening prayer, “Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of life...”

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of life with you. We pray through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.”

For me this is one of the best prayer of the whole missal and as people were praying with me I felt in myself and in each person “the Risen life we share with Jesus” vibrating in us. I pray that all the participants will continue to be a part of Holy Rosary loving and praying community.



A heart felt appreciation to the Eucharistic ministers, Rick Janssen, the cantors and our choir for the beautiful music at our Easter services. Thank you to all the parishioners, their family members and the benefactors who attended the Easter masses and support Holy Rosary.



## **Appreciation Dinner**

A lot of volunteers are involved in parish ministry and social work during the year and we just enjoyed a great number of them at St. Joseph’s Table. To show our appreciation for the service offered to the parish we scheduled an appreciation dinner for Tuesday, April 20 at the Argosy Buffet restaurant at 6:30 PM. No invitation will be mailed out. Anyone who has helped during the year in church service and in social activities is automatically invited. People who are able to participate are asked to give their name and the number of people attending to the person in charge of their group or to the parish office.



We have resumed the use of wine at communion.  
Take and eat. Take and drink.

New Eucharistic Ministers are welcomed. To volunteer please call the church office.

**CHÚA NHẬT THỨ II PHỤC SINH**



*Acts 5:12-16; Rev.1:9-19; John 20:19-31*

Vào buổi chiều Chúa Nhật Phục Sinh, các môn đệ sợ hãi đóng cửa ẩn mình ở trong nhà thì Chúa Giêsu hiện ra và nói với họ “Bình an ở cùng các con”. Lúc ấy, ông Tôma không ở đó, nên không tin là Chúa Giêsu đã sống lại. Một tuần lễ sau, Chúa Giêsu lại hiện đến và chỉ cho Tôma thấy các vết sẹo ở tay và cạnh sườn Người thì Tôma kêu lên rằng “Lạy Chúa con, lạy Thiên Chúa của con”. Chúa Giêsu liền phán, “Phúc cho những ai không thấy mà tin.”

Trong mùa Phục Sinh này, chúng tôi kêu gọi anh chị em ta hãy cùng nhau đọc sách “Tông đồ Công Vụ”, cuốn phúc âm tiếp theo Tin mừng theo thánh Gioan; diễn tả Giáo hội lúc ban đầu được Chúa Thánh Thần dẫn dắt như thế nào.

**Không có lễ ngày thường trong tuần này**

Các cha dòng Scalabrini họp từ thứ Hai 12 đến thứ Sáu 16/4 cho nên không có thánh lễ trong tuần. Xin cầu nguyện cho các ngài.

**Tiệc khoản đãi các phục vụ viên**

Holy Rosary sẽ mở tiệc khoản đãi các phục vụ viên đã đóng góp công sức cho giáo xứ trong các dịp như bàn Tiệc thánh Giuse, nướng bánh ngọt trong dịp Giáng Sinh, làm thức ăn Việt Nam trong dịp lễ bốn mạng Holy Rosary. Đó là ngày thứ Ba 20 tháng 4 lúc 6 giờ 30 chiều tại khách sạn Argosy Buffet. Xin gọi văn phòng giáo xứ để ghi danh số người tham dự. Các quý vị lão niên, nếu muốn có xe đưa đón, xin cho văn phòng biết.



**Rest in Peace:** The burial and a memorial mass for Carmen Chirveno, who died January 4, 2010, was Saturday April 9 and 10. Carmen was well known by members of our community. A memorial mass will be offered for her at Holy Rosary on Sunday, May 16 at 11 AM.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 10**  
 4PM Martha Scudiero & Frank Mazzuca by Family  
 Mary Penque by Che Bay & Rose Guastello

**Easter Sunday, April 11**  
 8AM Special Intentions  
 11AM John Sebbeto by Friends  
 Jerry Sirna by Wife and Family

**There will be no morning mass Monday - Friday, April 12 to 16.**

**Saturday, April 17**  
 4PM Mary Ann Kosorog by Scott & Cecilia Bishop

**Sunday, April 18**  
 8AM For Fr. Joe's 81st Birthday  
 11AM Milton Searls by Felice Searles  
 Annette Orlando by Felice Searles  
 Deceased Members of the Masucci Family by Family  
 Esther Zicarelli by Children

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**April 4, 2010**

Collections: \$7104.00  
 Other Income: ~~\$3346.00~~  
**TOTAL: \$10450.00**  
**Holy Land: \$ 410.00**

*“Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.” — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**  
**April 17 & 18**

**LECTORS**  
 4PM: S. Armato  
 8AM: M. Mancuso  
 11AM: M. Valenti

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS**  
 4PM: D. Armato  
 8AM: L. Stasi  
 11AM: A. Depetre

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
 7PM: Brian Bui  
 8AM: Triston & Fantasia Ta  
 11AM: Yen & Lang Bui

**PARENTS** who are registered and contributing to Holy Rosary, have kids in Catholic grade school or high school, you can apply for tuition assistance. Applications are at the back of the church.

Pick one up today.



**Fr. Joe's birthday is April 18th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**NEW TELEPHONE AND PHONE NUMBER FOR SCALABRINI HALL (816) 721-2030.**



The old landline has been disconnected due to the high cost. A cell phone has been purchased and we will only be charged for the minutes that are used. A significant savings for the parish.

Mark your calendar—Our Lady of the Audience will be May 23.